



# Brookman

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



## Newsletter 14 : 17th August, 2018

### Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to thank those parents who responded to our Parent Survey. The information we receive assists us in our reflection on how the school has progressed since the last survey in 2016. I will be discussing the findings with the School Board at next week's meeting. Out of a scale of zero to 5, no score was below 4 which is very pleasing.

### The five highest responses were:

- ✓ **My child feels safe at this school.**
- ✓ **My child likes being at this school,**
- ✓ **I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns,**
- ✓ **My child's teachers are good teachers, and**
- ✓ **Teachers at this school care about my child**

The survey also indicated parents and carers were keen for more information on STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and NAPLAN. As such we will look to provide parents with opportunities to attend workshops in this and other key areas. Again thank you for your very constructive responses. Your ongoing support helps us maintain our very positive direction.

In the case of our student responses, the 8 highest were:

- ✓ **My teachers expect me to do our best.**
- ✓ **I like being at my school.**
- ✓ **My teachers motivate me to learn.**
- ✓ **My teachers are good teachers.**
- ✓ **I feel safe at my school.**
- ✓ **My school is well maintained.**
- ✓ **My school looks for ways to improve.**
- ✓ **My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.**

I will also be presenting the findings of the Staff and Student surveys to the School Board next week and follow up with staff to assess any areas for improvement.

### 'School of the Year' Confirmation Visit

Yesterday we had Mr Garry Hewitt the Assistant Executive Director Early Childhood and Aboriginal Education and Ms Michelle Kriening, Manager of Literacy and Numeracy visit our school to confirm that our standards are at the level we believe they are. Our visitors spoke to Board members, P&C members, parents, community members, teaching and non-teaching staff as well as a group of students in building their understanding of our school and its strengths. They also visited several classes and were impressed with what they saw.

### COMING EVENTS

**Breakfast Club**  
**Uniform Shop**

Daily 8.00 a.m. - 8.15 a.m.  
Daily :

8.00 a.m. - 8.30 am  
2.00 p.m. - 2.30 pm

**Student Banking**  
**Book Week**  
**Swimming Lessons**  
**WA Massed Choir Rehearsal**  
**EALS Testing**  
**EALD Parent Meeting**  
**EC1 Assembly**

Wednesdays 8.00 am  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

An announcement will not be made until late November so we will need to be patient and hope for the best. I would like to thank everyone who made themselves available to participate. Your contributions are the foundations of our school.

### School Reputation

Such is the growing reputation of our school that we have had a request from Central Office to have a number of staff have their lessons videoed to be used as Professional Development demonstrations for other schools.

### KindiLink

Earlier this week our outstanding Art teacher, Mrs Moore visited KindiLink and showed the parents how to do traditional weaving. I understand the parents couldn't wait to get home to continue their weaving. Thanks Mrs Moore.

### Swimming Lessons



These have been well received by the students who are enjoying the warm pool.

Until our next newsletter I look forward to catching up with parents around the school. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

*Hans Geers, Principal*

*Tania Rennie & Tina Lawrence, Deputy Principals*

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## Literacy



This term is very busy with lots of extra activities. We are in the middle of swimming lessons and next week is Book Week! The theme this year is Find your Treasure. Due to swimming we will not have our book character parade and classes will hold their own book week activities. Mrs Garac has once again purchased this year's shortlisted books for the Children Book Council Awards. Students have been able to look at them during library and Literature sessions and over the coming weeks may bring their favourite title home to be shared. The students have voted for the book they liked the most from the different categories. It will be interesting to see if their favourite books are the same books chosen by the CBCA judging panel on August 17th.

Congratulations to all the students who received a certificate for 100 nights of reading at last week's assembly. I have also given out several magazines this week to students who have read for 150 nights. Super effort everyone, keep on reading!

**Tina Lawrence – Deputy Principal**

## Massed Choir Festival 2018

Some of your children are taking part in the Massed Choir Festival at the Perth Concert Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is a wonderful event where primary schools join together to form a choir of over 500 voices. Tickets are now on sale through Ticketmaster or you can phone 136 000. Information is also available on the parent page of the Massed Choir website [www.massedchoirfestival.org.au](http://www.massedchoirfestival.org.au) **Students in choir do not need a ticket as they are performing.**

Please return the signed permission slip for the Cluster Rehearsal which was sent home last week **by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. There is no cost for this excursion.** If you need another permission form please ask Ms Eversden or ask at the front office. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by email [anne.eversden@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:anne.eversden@education.wa.edu.au)

Thank you for your support!

**Annie Eversden – Choir Coordinator**

## School Photos

**All online ordering for photos must be done on or prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Family photos cannot be ordered on line.**

**Family photo** envelopes can be obtained from the front office. Please hand the family envelope with enclosed payment to the photographers on the day. The photographers are not permitted to open the envelopes and cannot provide change. **Please ensure you have the correct money.**

**Tania Rennie – Deputy Principal**

# Congratulations

to our Honour Certificate recipients.



## Numeracy

This week we had 28 students sit the ICAS testing from Years 3-6. Over the years I have seen a great improvement in how students perform in these tests and look forward to receiving our results later in the year.

One of the best ways to improve student's maths grades is to work on real life problems. STEM is a great opportunity for children to work on their maths concepts in a real world context. Have a look around your home this weekend and see if you can find opportunities to create a project. Perhaps build a cubby out of blankets, cook a new recipe or fix a few things around the home. More can be learnt by doing than by watching.

**Tania Rennie – Deputy Principal**

## School Psychologist News

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT KIDS MATTER???** Kids Matter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in Primary Schools and Early Childhood facilities. It's a framework that helps these places take care of children's mental health needs by:



- Creating positive school and early childhood communities
- Teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- Working together with families
- Recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems

The Kids Matter website has lots of useful resources (including videos!) for schools and families. If you would like more information please visit the Kids Matter website:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/about-kidsmatter>

**Steph Howson – Psychologist**